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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HUBER, PAUL

Examiner

Mark Fadok

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-16 and 19-45 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/15/2002.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

Response to Election

The examiner is in receipt of applicant's response to Election/Restriction mailed 12/10/2004, which was received 1/10/2005. Acknowledgment is made to the election of group ID that includes claims 1,2,4,17 and 18 with traverse. Applicant argues that since claims 5 and 6 are dependant from claim 4 these claims should be included in Group ID. The examiner agrees and will examine these two additional claims along with claim 3 that was found to be dependant from claim 2. Applicant argues that claims 20,21,22 and 28 also read on the Group ID invention. The examiner disagrees and notes that these claims are dependent from independent claim 19, which is not argued as being a related invention; therefore, the examiner will provide an examination of claims 1-6,17 and 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by 3COM (a collection of articles found on PTO 892).

In regards to claim 1, 3COM discloses method of transacting electronic commerce, comprising:

from a first site, serving a product selection page by which a customer through a browser selects at least one product for placement into an electronic shopping cart;

from the first site, serving electronic shopping cart transfer instructions to the customer browser that causes the customer browser to request service from a checkout line of a second site and

that automatically transfers the contents of the electronic shopping cart to the checkout line of the second site (see 3COM1 and 3COM2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-6,17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over 3COM in view of Official Notice.

In regards to claims 2 and 3, 3Com teaches XML to transfer the information instead of the cookies of the instant invention. The transfer of information using XML

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is a recognized equivalent that is actually an improvement, because data can be kept private (PR Newswire, abstract). Since the examiner takes Official Notice of the equivalence of XML and cookies for the use in transferring information, the selection of any of these known equivalents to transfer information would be within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

In regards to claims 4-6 and 17 and 18, 3COM teaches transferring product and customer information to the second computer (page 2, line 9 and response to claim 1), but does not specifically mention the specific information of the instant claims being transferred. It was old and well known in the art at the time of the invention to register and collect the types of information of the instant claims. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include this information, because this would permit the customer to transfer the information to a reseller from a manufacturer's site and solve the problem of manufactures not being able to sell products to customers because of an established supply chains. It would also save the customer time by not having to enter the information twice.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mark Fadok** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-**

6755. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Wynn Coggins** can be reached on **(571) 272-7159**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **receptionist** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-3600**.

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